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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 October 2006.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 20,21,23 and 25-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 25-37 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 20,21 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

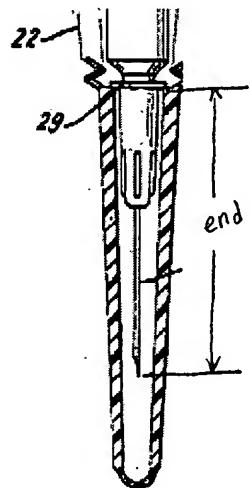
A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 20-21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Faulseit. (US 3,342,319). Faulseit discloses a retractable packaging comprising an elongated hollow tube 19,19'19'',19a19c that can be compressed and elongated axially. An elongated member disposed within the elongated hollow tube housing. The elongated tube housing enclosed the elongated member and when the elongated hollow tube housing is retracted by compressing the elongated hollow tube housing axially, one end of the elongated member is exposed. The elongated hollow tube housing has a sealed end and an open end. The elongated hollow tube housing comprises a flexible bellow section 22,22',22'',22a, 22c that can be compressed and elongated axially between two ends of the elongated hollow tube housing. The elongated member has at least one applicator at an end while both ends have applicators. One end of the elongated member is affixed to the sealed end of the elongated tube housing as shown in Figure 26.

Applicant argued that the syringe is not affixed to the container. However, the claim requires an end of the elongated member affixed to a sealed end of the hollow member. The focus is how applicant interprets the ends of the sealed hollow end and the elongated member. As shown in Figure 26 and reproduced below, the end of the elongated member is the portion from the reference element 29 and below. Similarly, the sealed end of the hollow member is the

hollow portion from the element 29 and extending below. Hence, the claim still reads on the reference as stated previously.



3. Claims 20-21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tanghoj et al. (US 7,094,220). Tanghoj discloses a retractable packaging in Figure 5 comprising an elongated hollow tube that can be compressed and elongated axially. An elongated member disposed within the elongated hollow tube housing. The elongated tube housing enclosed the elongated member and when the elongated hollow tube housing is retracted by compressing the elongated hollow tube housing axially, one end of the elongated member is exposed. The elongated hollow tube housing has a sealed end with sealed member as shown in Figure 2,3 4 and an open end. The elongated hollow tube housing comprises a flexible bellow section in Figures 5a-5g that can be compressed and elongated axially between two ends of the elongated

hollow tube housing. The elongated member has at least one applicator at an end. One end of the elongated member is affixed to the sealed end member as shown in Figures 1d,2d and 4e.

Conclusion

4. Telephone inquiries regarding the status of applications or other general questions, by persons entitled to the information, should be directed to the group clerical personnel and not to the examiners. In as much as the official records and applications are located in the clerical section of the examining groups, the clerical personnel can readily provide status information without contacting the examiners, M.P.E.P. 203.08.

If in receiving this Office Action it is apparent to applicant that certain documents are missing, e.g., copies of references cited, form PTO-1449, form PTO-892, etc., requests for copies of such papers should be directed to Erica Miller at (571) 272-4370.

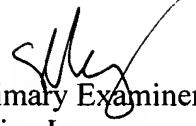
For applicant's convenience, the official FAX number is 571-273-8300. This practice may be used for filing papers not requiring a fee. It may also be used for filing papers which require a fee by applicants who authorize charges to a PTO deposit account. Please identify Examiner Luong of Art Unit 3728 at the top of your cover sheet of any correspondence submitted.

Inquiries concerning the merits of the examination should be directed to Shian Luong whose telephone number is (571) 272-4557. The examiner can normally be reached on M-H from 7:00am to 4:00pm EST. The examiner's supervisor Mickey Yu can be reached at (571) 272-4562 for urgent matters.

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